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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the information identified on the enclosed Form PTO 1449 is disclosed to the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above identified patent application. Copies of the documents listed on the Form PTO 1449 are enclosed herewith.

As best currently understood, the French Turnwald publication 2 024 946 discloses containers and lids configured such that the lid can placed beneath the container in one orientation and on top of the container in another orientation. No English language abstract or equivalent has been located.

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